

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 21st, JANUARY 1971.

AT 7.30.p.m.

Present

Mr. D.M.Lawson (Chairman) Miss M.I.Fletcher, Messrs.  
S.Eggleston, B.Moore, and P.F.Oswin (Clerk).

Apology

An apology for non-attendance was received from  
Mr.Bowler.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
on the 24th, September, 1970, and the Special Parish  
Meeting held on the 29th, October, 1970, were read,  
confirmed and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising  
from the Parish  
Council Minutes.  
Flashing Lights  
at School Crossing  
Point.

A letter had been received from the County Engineer  
dated 28th, October, 1970, stating that it was intended  
to erect these lights in the near future. Up to the  
time of the meeting this work had not been carried out,  
and it was agreed to write again to the County Engineer  
asking when the lights would be erected.

Traffic Census

The result of this census had been received and  
was as follows:-

During the period 20th, 27th, October 1970,  
there was an average of 2415 vehicles / 16 hours on this  
road. The census was taken only on the B676 just East  
of the Greyhound Inn. The original request has been  
for a traffic count to include the cross traffic from  
Seymour Road. The clerk was asked to make a request to  
the County Engineer for a Traffic count to be made on  
Seymour Road.

Correspondence

As requested in the Minutes of the Parish Council  
meeting dated 18th, August, 1970, details of the main-  
tenance costs for the Burton Burial Ground had been  
received for the year 1970 and amounted to £34-19-6d.  
On the proposition of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Moore,  
it was agreed to make an annual grant of 50% of the  
Burial Ground maintenance costs provided that this did  
not exceed £25 in any one year.

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Estimate of  
Expenditure  
1971-2.

It was agreed to Precept for £150 for General Expenses, and £200 for Street Lighting Expenses. The balance from the Lighting expenses to be added to the sum set aside for improving the lighting on the B676 to Highway Standards. The clerk was asked to obtain an estimate of the cost of improving the lighting on the B676, and also enquire into the possibility of obtaining a loan for this work.

Authorisation  
of Cheques.

The following cheques were authorised:-

Leics.Assoc.of Parish Councils	£5-16-0d
Tel.Rental 1st,May-31st July,	2- 0-0d.
Burton Playing Field Assoc.	375- 0-0d.
Tel.Rental 1st Aug-31st Oct.	2-10-0d.
" " 1st Nov-31st Jan.	2-10-0d.

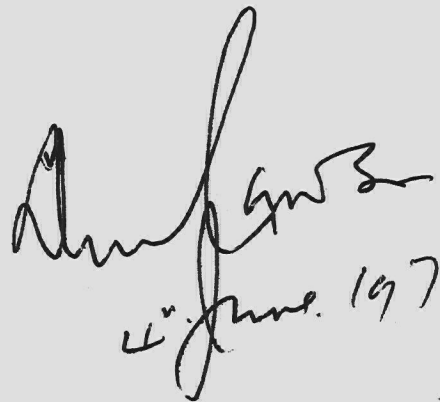
Any other  
business

The clerk reported the need for a further supply of printed stationary, two estimates for 250 letter-heads and 100 continuation sheets had been received, Wells & Blackwell Ltd, Ajax Press Ltd. £3-6-6d.  
£4-15-0d.

It was agreed to place the order with Wells & Blackwell Ltd. Loughborough.

Date of Parish Meeting. This was fixed for 25th March, it was agreed to invite Mr. Branston together with Ald. Jarvis, Chairman of the County Council and Mr.Bolton to attend this meeting.

There was no further business and the chairman closed the meeting.

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4<sup>th</sup> June 1971.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE  
HALL ON THURSDAY, 25th, MARCH 1971. AT 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr. D.M. Lawson, (Chairman) Miss M.I. Fletcher,  
Mr. A.H. Bowler, Mr. S. Eggleston, Mr. G.A. Hawes,  
Mr. B. Moore, and 8 Local Government Electors.

Also attending by invitation was the Deputy Clerk  
of the Barrow-upon-Soar R.D.C. Mr. Storey, and the  
County Council Representative for the Parish  
Mr. T.A.S. Branston.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting  
held on the 26th, March 1970 were read by the clerk,  
and on the proposition of Mr. Moore, seconded by  
Mr. PRIEST ~~HE~~, it was agreed that the Minutes should  
be signed as correct.

Matters arising.  
30 m.p.h. restriction  
Barrow road.

No progress had been made in getting the restriction  
area extended.

Mr. Branston reported that the County Council  
was still awaiting Central Government policy regarding  
30 m.p.h. sign positions. In addition alterations to  
road signs were in abeyance pending the possible change  
to the Metric System.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Moore stated that  
this matter should be taken above County Council level  
and proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister of  
Transport with copies to the Leicestershire County  
Council and the Royal Society for the Prevention of  
Accidents. This was agreed upon unanimously. The letter  
to stress the concern of the parish meeting for the  
safety of the children attending the County School and  
using the new Playing Field.

Mr. Branston also reported that as a temporary  
measure he had obtained the Area Surveyor's consent to  
have "SLOW" painted on the road approaching the County  
School.

Referring to the Flashing Lights at the school  
children's crossing point in the village square,

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requested at a Parish meeting on 24th, Sept, 1970, Mr. Branston reported that these would be erected by Easter.

**Chairman's Report.** The chairman reported that during the past year the grant Playing Field. of £375 had been made to the Playing Field Association towards the cost of purchasing the land for a Playing Field.

**Burial Ground** Commencing this year the Parish Council is making an annual grant of 50% of the maintenance expenses of the Burial Ground with the proviso that this does not exceed £25 a year.

**Village Hall** Reporting on the decision made at the Special Parish Meeting held on the 29th Oct, 1970, when it was agreed that the Parish Council should be the Corporate Trustee of the Village Hall, the chairman stated that details were not yet finalised.


Mr. Betts proposed seconded by Mr. Priest that the Parish Council proceed with the appointment of a Village Hall Management Committee without further delay.

**Street Lighting** Referring to the improvement of the Street Lighting on the B676 the chairman reported that by the end of the next financial year there would be a balance on the Street Lighting Account of £900. An estimate of £1100 for this work had been received from the Street Lighting Department of the County Council. The chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council would be asking for tenders for this work from street lighting contractors in the near future.

Mr. Branston then informed the meeting that the County Council may consider making grants towards improving Street Lighting on Class 2 roads during 1971-2 and recommended that the Parish Council re-apply for a grant.

**Any other business.** Mr. Hawes read out a long list of complaints Village Streets. concerning the village streets and footpaths. The clerk was asked to obtain a copy of this list and write to the appropriate authorities.

There was no further business and the chairman closed the meeting at 9.35.p.m.

  
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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY, 4th JUNE, 1971  
AT 7.30.p.m.

Present Miss M.I. Fletcher, Messrs.S. Egglestone,  
G.A. Hawes, D.M. Lawson, and B. Moore.

Election of Chairman. The Vice-Chairman Mr.B. Moore took the chair and asked for nominations for the office of chairman for 1971-2.

Mr. Hawes proposed seconded by Mr. Eggleston that Mr. Lawson be -elected chairman.

There were no other nominations and it was agreed that Mr. Lawson be re-elected chairman for 1971-2.

Election of Vice-Chairman On taking the chair Mr. Lawson proposed that Mr. Moore be re-elected Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Mr. Hawes and agreed upon by the meeting.

Delegates to the Leics. Assc. of Parish Councils. It was agreed that the chairman and the clerk continue to attend meetings when invited to do so by the Leics. Assc. of Parish Councils.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 21st, January, 1971 were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes. Traffic Census Seymour Road. In a letter dated 26th March, the County Engineer had promised to have a traffic count made on this road. At the time of this meeting, this had not been carried out. The clerk was asked to make a further request and to ask for an additional count to be made on traffic entering the village square on the Barrow road.

Flashing Lights at School Cross-ing Point. These were now installed but were not yet in operation. It was agreed to ask the County Engineer when these lights would be put into commission.

Correspondence.

Cost of Mowing Playing Field. The clerk reported that the cost of mowing the Playing Field for the year 1970-1 was £25-83. This had been paid to the Leics. County Council and had been reimbursed by the Burton Playing Field Committee.

Playing Field  
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The clerk then referred to the Minutes of the meeting dated 11th, June, 1970 when Mr. Bowler proposed that when the cost of mowing the Playing Field was known, the Council should consider making a grant towards the cost. This was discussed and it was agreed not to make a grant.

European Conservation Year.

A letter from the clerk of the County Council relating to an arrangement between the County Council and the Rural District for the removal of rubbish dumped on roadside verges. Parish Councils are asked to report any such cases.

The clerk was asked to report the dumping of rubbish in the wood alongside Sowter's Lane.

Street Lighting  
Improvement B676.

A letter received from the County Engineer giving details and estimated cost for this improvement. This amounted to £1100, £360 of this was in respect of underground service charges to be made by the Electricity Board.

The Engineer also advised that Parish Councils could now avail themselves of the County Council's bulk material and Works Contracts resulting in a significant saving.

On the proposition of Mr. Hawes seconded by Mr. Moore, it was agreed to proceed with the improvement of the lighting on the B676 to Highway standards and to accept the County Council's offer of the bulk material and works contract. It was also agreed to obtain tenders from street lighting contractors recommended by the County Council for comparison.

Revision of  
Street Lighting  
Charges.

The cost per lamp for the bracket type lamps on the B676 will be £6.10, sunset to 12 p.m. and Early morning lighting. The increase to take effect from 1st April, 1971.

30 M.p.h. speed  
limit Barrow  
Road.

A reply to the letter sent to the Minister of Transport had been received from the Divisional Road Engineer Nottingham. The letter stated that the Leicestershire County Council is the appropriate authority to make the decision regarding the extension of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on Barrow road.

It was agreed to make a further request to the County Council to extend the restriction of the speed limit.

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30 M.p.h. Contd.. The clerk was also instructed to send a copy of the Divisional Road Engineer's letter to the Managers of the Burton Junior School.

Prestwold Parochial Charities. Copies of the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1970 for these charities were presented to the meeting.

The meeting considered the clerk's salary to be excessive in relation to the total amount of money involved in these charities. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the chairman of the Trustees expressing the views of the Parish Council.

Subscriptions to the L.A.P.C. The Annual Subscription to the Leicestershire Association of Parish Councils had been increased to £7.11. On the proposition of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Hawes it was agreed to pay the increased subscription.

Leics. Footpath Association. A letter from the Leicestershire Footpath Association inviting the Parish Council to become a member of this Association, the minimum annual subscription being £1. On the proposition of Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Hawes it was agreed to pay the annual subscription of £1.

Burton Memorial Hall. The chairman reported that the transfer of the Memorial Hall to the Parish Council as Corporate Trustee was not yet finalised. Delays had been created by the illness of the solicitor in charge of the transactions.

Mr. Moore expressed concern of the deterioration of the Hall due to the lack of a management committee.

On the proposition of Mr. Moore it was agreed that the chairman should call a meeting of all organisations in the village to form an interim committee to look after the Hall pending the completion of the transactions.

Authorisation of Cheques. The following cheques were authorised.

Prestwold Parochial Church Council	£17.50
East Midlands Electricity Board.	£15.62
P.F. Oswin	£44.51
Council for the Protection of Rural England	£1-00
Burton Memorial Hall Trustees	£6.25
Leics. County Council	£25.83
P.F. Oswin Tel. Rental 1st MAY - 31st JUL	£2.50

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Authorisation  
of Cheques Contd/..

Wells and Blackwell	£3.33
Leics Assc. of Parish Councils	£7.81
Leics. Footpath Assc.	£1.00

Precepts.

The following Precepts were signed:-

General Expenditure
£150.00

Street Lighting Expenditure	£200.00
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Any other  
business

Nil.

This concluded the business and the chairman  
closed the Meeting at 10.30 p.m.

*Alan Lewis*  
14. July 1971.

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A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 19th JULY, 1971.

AT 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr.D.M.Lawson,(Chairman) Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs G.A. Hawes and B. Moore.

Apology

Apology for non-attendance was received from  
Mr.Eggleston.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish  
Council held on the 4th June 1971, were read, confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman.

(Matters arising )  
(from the Minutes )  
(Flashing Lights )  
(at School Crossing)  
(Point.)

These lights had now been connected to the main  
electricity supply and it was agreed to ask the County  
Engineer if they would be in commission for the  
commencement of the Autumn school term.

30m.p.h. speed  
restriction,  
Barrow road.

A letter had been received from the County Engineer  
stating that a resolution had been passed by the High-  
ways Committee," That no further action be taken con-  
cerning the request to extend the 30 m.p.h. speed  
restriction on Barrow road as the site did not meet the  
Department of Environment's criteria." A letter had  
also been received from the Divisional Road Engineer,  
Nottingham, stating that he had no authority to inter-  
vene since neither a trunk or principal road is involved.

As this decision by the Highways Committee appeared  
to be final, Mr. Moore proposed seconded by Mr. Hawes,  
that details of the application for the extension of the  
speed limit be given to the "Action Line" of the Daily  
Express newspapers, requesting their help in this matter.

This was agreed upon and the clerk instructed to  
give all the relevant facts to the Daily Express.

Correspondence.  
Resignation of  
Mr.Bowler.

A letter had been received from Mr. Bowler stating  
that he had left the Parish and therefore wished to  
resign from the Parish Council.

The clerk informed the meeting that it was permissible to either co-opt a person to fill the vacancy or to leave the vacancy unfilled until the end of the present term of office next May. On the proposition of Mr. Moore, seconded by Miss Fletcher, it was agreed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Lawson proposed that Mr. Corrigan be co-opted. There was no seconder to this proposition.

Mr. Moore then proposed Mr. J. Bell, this was seconded by Miss Fletcher and agreed upon.

The clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Bell of his nomination.

#### Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

P.F. Oswin, Telephone rental  
1st May to 31st July, 1971. £2-50.

E.M.E.B. Half year ending 30.6.71. £16-88.

#### Any other business. Wayside Seats.

A number of wooden wedges on these seats were missing. Mr. Lawson informed the meeting that he had been able to arrange for these to be made virtually at cost. It was agreed to accept this. Mr. Lawson said he would also arrange to have the new wedges fitted.

#### Depositing of Sludge on Common Land.

It had been reported to the Council that the contents of the tank on the County Council's storm water drain cleansing vehicle was being deposited on the Common.

It was agreed to report this to the Area Surveyor and ask if this could be stopped.

#### Emergency calls for a Doctor.

Miss Fletcher reported a case where difficulty in obtaining a Doctor for an emergency out of Surgery hours had arisen. It was agreed that the clerk should make enquiries into this.

#### Tar Spraying and Gritting.

Following recent gritting operations in the Parish, numerous motorists had received damage to their cars. It was agreed to ask Mr. Branston what action had been taken regarding compensation.

Dr.Gray's  
Memorial Seat.


Heavy lorries were reported to be parking on Mr. Hubbard's property and were finding difficulty in turning off the B676, with the result that the small green area on which the Memorial Seat stands is being severely encroached upon.

It was agreed to report this to the Area Surveyor and ask his advice on this problem.

Unpleasant Smell  
from Mr.Hubbard's  
Pig Farm.

The Parish Council had received complaints about the smell from this pig farm and it was agreed to report it to the Barrow R.D.C.

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

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13. Sept. 1971  
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A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER, 1971

AT 7.30.p.m.

Present

Mr. D.M.Lawson(Chairman) Miss M.I. Fletcher,  
Messrs. J.R. Bell, S. Eggleston, G.A. Hawes, and  
B. Moore.

Welcome to  
new member.

On opening the meeting the chairman extended a  
welcome to Mr. J.R. Bell, who had accepted the  
nomination to fill the vacancy created by the resigna-  
tion of Mr. Bowler.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
on the 19th July 1971 were read, confirmed and signed  
by the chairman.

Matters arising

Flashing Lights  
at School Crossing  
Point.

A letter from the County Engineer stated that  
the Electricity Board had been requested to make  
the necessary connections early last June and that he  
was endeavouring to expedite this work. It was agreed  
to write again to the County Engineer stressing the  
need for these lights to be operational before the  
winter months.

30 m.p.h.  
restriction  
Barrow road.

A letter had been received from the Daily Express  
Action Line stating regrettably they were unable to  
help the Council in this instance and that the County  
Council had refused to alter their decision on this  
matter.

Mr. Moore then proposed that the Council seek  
the help of the Association of Parish Councils, this  
was agreed upon.

Repair to  
Wayside Seats

Mr. Lawson reported that the wooden wedges had  
been made and fitted at a cost of £2.50. This was  
accepted by the meeting and a cheque for this amount  
authorised.

Emergency calls  
for Doctor.

Following enquires made at the Doctor's Surgery  
the clerk reported that telephone calls to the

Surgery out of surgery hours were automatically put through to the Doctor on emergency duty.

Small Grass  
Island fronting  
Mr. Hubbard's.

The Area Surveyor acknowledged there was some overiding taking place here and proposed to kerb the island at some future date.

Depositing of  
sludge on  
Common Land.

The Area Surveyor stated that this was only a temporary measure and had been done at the request of Mr. Bailey who wished to fill in an old pond in one of his fields.

#### Correspondence

Prestwold  
Parochial  
Charities.

Letter received from Mr. Lewis, Clerk of these Charities stating that his salary as Clerk is the same now as it was in 1933. Copies of the Financial Statements are given to the Parish Council as a matter of courtesy and that his appointment as Clerk and the salary paid to him are the exclusive concern of the Trustees.

Traffic Census  
Seymour Road.

Letter from the County Engineer stating that it was proposed to take a traffic census at this point at the beginning of September. The Engineer regretted that a census of traffic entering the village on the Barrow road could not be taken at the same time.

Alterations  
to Footpath,  
Burton to  
Catsick Lane.

Letter from the Area Surveyor stating that the plans of the proposed alterations have been sent to the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council for consideration and approval.

Request to move  
the Bus Shelter  
on Melton road.

A letter had been received from the new owner of No 77 Melton road, Mr. J.E. Saunders asking if the Parish Council would consider moving the Bus Shelter from its present position in front of this property to an alternative site.

The meeting was sympathetic towards this request but considered that the cost of moving the shelter from its present position, the preparing and laying of a new foundation and the cost of alterations to the roadside verge as required by the County Council should be borne entirely by Mr. Saunders.. Mr. Saunders to contact the Area Surveyor to discuss the alternative position for the

Bus shelter  
continued.

shelter which would be acceptable to the County Council.  
The Parish Council and to Mr. Saunders.

On the proposition of Mr. Moore it was agreed  
that the views of the Parish Council be conveyed to  
Mr. Saunders.

Any other business

Proposed alterations ) Mr. Moore asked if enquiries could be made  
to village centre. ) regarding the position reached in the outline  
plans of the proposed alterations. It was agreed  
to write to the County Engineer.

Firework Display  
Nov. 5th.

Mr. Moore made a request on behalf of the  
Burton Playing Field Committee that the Parish  
Council underwrites the Playing Field Committee  
in organising the Firework Display this year.  
With the interest of safety in mind and referring  
to the Barrow Rural District Council's request last  
year for Parish Councils to take a lead in the  
organisation of properly supervised Firework Displays  
it was agreed to defray any small loss the Playing  
Field Committee may incur.

Garden Fete.


Mr. Bell proposed that a letter of congratulations  
be sent from the Parish Council to the Playing Field  
Committee on the successful Garden Fete held, to raise  
funds for the Playing Field. This was agreed upon  
and the clerk was asked to send this letter.

Doctor's Surgery. Due to the cancellation of an evening bus by the  
Barton Bus Company, difficulty was being experienced  
in visiting the Doctor's Surgery at Barrow.

Miss Fletcher offered to discuss this with the  
Church Women's Fellowship with a view to arranging  
a scheme for private car owners to take emergency  
and urgent cases. This was agreed upon.

Overgrown hedge. The hedge alongside the small strip of wood on  
Melton road was reported to need cutting clear of the  
footpath. The clerk was asked to report this to the  
Area Surveyor.

This concluded the business and the chairman closed  
the meeting.

  
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A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 1971.

AT 8.0.p.m.

- Present Mr.D.M.Lawson(Chairman), Miss M.I.Fletcher, Messrs J.R.Bell, G.A.Hawes, and B.Moore.
- Minutes The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13 th September, 1971 were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman.
- Matters Arising The County Engineer had reported that the Lights had  
Warning Lights been commissioned but could not be put into operation  
at School Crossing without the services of a Crossing Warden. The Chief  
Point. Constable was endeavouring to find someone to undertake this duty. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable stressing the urgent need for these lights to be in operation.
- 30 m.p.h.  
restriction  
Barrow Road. Details of the criteria controlling the imposing and extension of speed limits were given in the Autumn Issue of the Parish Councils Review. Mr. Moore pointed out that all the conditions laid down in the criteria prevailed in Barrow, <sup>Rd.</sup> except one namely that no reportable or fatal accident had so far occurred on this road. It was agreed to report these facts to the County Engineer and Surveyor.
- Traffic Census Details of the Traffic Count requested last August had been submitted by the County Engineer and Surveyor. The count was taken on 16th September 1971 between the hours of 7.00a.m. and 7.00.p.m.
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| Barrow Road       | 691 vehicles |
| Loughborough Road | 2280 "       |
| Seymour Road      | 330 "        |
| Melton Road       | 2388 "       |
| Hall Drive        | 137 "        |
- It was noted that this did not meet the requirements laid down before Traffic Lights may be installed, i.e. 300 vehicles per hour.

Alterations to  
Footpaths.

Details of these alterations had been received from the R.D.C The Council's views on these were not required until the end of January 1972, and it was agreed to defer this to a later meeting.

Proposed Improve-  
ments at Village  
Centre.

The County Engineer's reply to the enquiry concerning this had stated that although the survey had been completed no design work had been carried out. It was not anticipated that any outline plan would be available before the new year.

Charity  
Commission's  
Draft Scheme  
for the  
Memorial  
Village Hall.

A copy of the Draft Scheme had been circulated to the members of the Parish Council prior to this meeting. There were no objections to the Draft and on the proposition of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bell it was agreed to formally accept the Charity Commissioners Draft Schemes as per the copy appended in these Minutes.

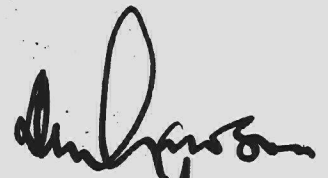
Correspondence.  
Street Lighting  
Improvements.  
Jointly Financed  
Scheme.

Letter from the County Engineer stating that the County Council have now decided to consider jointly financed scheme for Class II roads. The Parish Council would be responsible for an amount equal to 1.75 of a penny precept and the County Council would provide the balance. It was agreed to accept the offer made by the County Council.

Any other  
business.  
Damaged Tree.

A damaged tree was reported on the Springfield Close. The clerk was asked to report this to the Area Surveyor.

This concluded the business and the chairman closed the meeting.

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17 Jan. 1972.